

**DODGE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
127 EAST OAK STREET
JUNEAU, WI 53039
MAY 19, 2014**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on May 19, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Ed Nelson presided over the first order of business which was election of officers. Bill Muche nominated Ed Nelson for chair. There were no other nominations. Motion by Gerry Adelmeyer to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Ed Nelson for chair. Motion carried. Bill Muche nominated Dale Macheel for vice chair. There were no other nominations. Motion by Nelson to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Dale Macheel for vice chair. Motion carried. Howard Kriewald nominated Gerry Adelmeyer for secretary. There were no other nominations. Motion by Nelson to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Gerry Adelmeyer for secretary. Motion carried.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:35 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, Bill Muche, Larry Bischoff, and Bill Foley. Members not present/excused: Dale Macheel.

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; and Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator.

Others Present: Dr. E. Orsay, M.D., Fox Lake Preservation Association; and Ruth Johnson, Lake Sinissippi property owner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Muche to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2014 meeting as sent by mail; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: Ruth Johnson spoke representing herself as a property owner on Lake Sinissippi. She asked the committee to consider enacting a county ordinance that would require the establishment of conservation buffers along all lakes, rivers, streams and ditches in order to better control the delivery of sediment and phosphorus to surface waters. She suggested that a county cost share program be established to compensate landowners for the resulting lost crop production opportunities. Dr. E. Orsay, M.D. representing herself and the Fox Lake Preservation Association shared concerns over groundwater contamination in Dodge County, and suggested that a working group be formed to address high nitrate levels in the Drew Creek Watershed.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: There were no agency advisor reports

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS: There were no conservation plans to be approved and signed at this meeting.

CONSIDER NOMINATION OF COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOX LAKE INLAND LAKE DISTRICT FOR APPOINTMENT BY DODGE COUNTY BOARD: Consideration was given to nominating a member of the Land Conservation Committee or the Dodge County Board to serve as a commissioner on the Fox Lake Inland Lake District Board of Commissioners. Motion by Muche to nominate Dale Macheel to serve as a commissioner on the Fox Lake Inland Lake District Board of Commissioners, and if Dale declines then alternately Darrell Pollesch would be nominated for appointment by the Dodge County Board; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

SOUTHERN AREA LAND & WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION ISSUES – APPOINT LCC MEMBER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND SPRING ASSOCIATION MEETING: The LCC considered nominating a committee member to serve on the Southern Area Land and Water Conservation Association (SAA) Board of Directors. Motion by Nelson to appoint Bill Muche to serve on the SAA Board of Directors; seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried. The spring meeting of the SAA will be held on June 9, 2014 in Dodgeville.

OVERVIEW OF LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS/WORK ACTIVITIES: Marc Bethke gave a general overview of programs and work activities of the Dodge County Land Conservation Department as introductory information for new committee members.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Jim Mielke reported on items of discussion at the May 13, 2014 meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District. Efforts are underway to prepare a plan for funding the navigation improvement project in the northern reaches of Lake Sinissippi for presentation at the lake district's annual meeting in August. Jim also reported that 45 people attended the May 14, 2014 meeting of the Dodge County Lakes Group, where a question and answer session was held with state representatives Keith Ripp and Mark Born. Bill Foley shared copies of a pamphlet produced by the Dodge County Lakes Group entitled "Dodge County Water Resources: Value and Economic Impact".

2014 FORESTRY PROGRAMS REPORT – SMALL PACKET TREE SALES REPORT, AND TREE PLANTER RENTALS: Marc Bethke reported that over 20,000 trees and shrubs were sold under the 2014 Small Packet Tree Sales Program, with a net gain of nearly \$4,800.00 from sales. It was also reported that only four landowners used the county and DNR tree planters this spring, plating a total of 5,800 trees.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

CORRESPONDENCE: Copies of the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting were distributed to Land Conservation Committee members.

PER DIEMS: Motion by Kriewald, seconded by Muche to approve the regular per diems. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, ~~June 23~~, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin. *(June 30) ← Amended - 6/30/14*

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 10:40 AM; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Ed Nelson
Ed Nelson, Chair

Gerald Adelmeyer
Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

(BILLS)

Lidtke Motors - U-Haul Truck Rental for Trees =	\$ 165.00
Marc Bethke - April Expenses (Bags for Trees) =	\$ 35.00
WLWCA - Registration for County Conservationist Meeting =	\$ 70.00
Laura's Lane Nursery - Final Payment For 2014 Small Packet Trees =	\$ 9,291.00
United Cooperative - Fuel for Rental Truck for Small	
Pack Tree Pick-up =	\$ 78.76
TOTAL =	\$ 9,639.76

(REVENUE)

Final Small Packet Tree Sales Revenue =	\$ 1,003.79
D & T Dairy - Manure Storage Ordinances Permit Fee =	\$ 750.00
TOTAL =	\$ 1,753.79

MAY 2014 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Conducted small packet tree distribution on May 1st and 2nd at the Dodge County Fairgrounds
- Attended Spring County Conservationists Meeting on May 8th and 9th in Wisconsin Rapids
- John Bohonek and Dave Braunschweig represented the Land Conservation Department at the Dodge County Open House on Saturday, May 17th